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SOURCE                     

1. About 45 LA-9s were parked at the DESSAU (M 52/E 06) airfield on 22 November 1949 (for arrangement of aircraft see Annex). There was no flying. Trucks                      were seen in ALTEN (M 52/E 60).

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2. About 70 fighters were parked at the field on 1 December 1949. New wooden garages holding from 40 to 50 motor vehicles were built near the air force billets south of the field.

3. About 70 single-engine low-wing monoplanes of two types and seven biplanes were parked at the field on 1 December 1949.

4. Forty-two fighters of two types, and two biplanes were counted at the field on 9 December 1949. Most of the planes were covered with tarpaulins. There was no flying on either day.

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                     Comment:

The number of aircraft observed at the field on the same day by two sources approximately agrees with reports dated October 1949. Two fighter regiments are still assumed to be stationed at the field. From the arrangement of the planes as shown on the attached sketch it is inferred that the two regiments together comprise six escadrilles of ten

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